

B1 when there is free time, it gets idled away. One of the first things to get squeezed out of people's time is other people (e.g., business, professional and personal contacts). For example, people frequently fail to follow up on business accounts that went to their competitors. Or, when was the last time an individual saw colleagues from their university, acquaintances from prior year's conventions, friends from previous projects or jobs? Or, when was the last time the individual invited their neighbors over for dinner or followed up on a Christmas card?

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*Please amend paragraph 1 on page 4, beginning on line 1 as follows:*

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B2 The prior art fails to provide an ongoing system and method for automatically selecting from a contact list whom a user should keep in touch with and display such selection(s) to the user. The user is presented with an image of a business associate, professional contact, and/or friend/family. Seeing that image reminds the user of how long it has been since they last met. The user then selects (e.g., clicks with a computer mouse) the image of the displayed candidate to make contact. Furthermore, the system dynamically presents possible contacts to the user. The prior art fails to include the above noted features as well as other benefits described, illustrated, and claimed hereafter.

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*Please amend paragraph 4 on page 6, beginning on line 7 as follows:*

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B3 While this invention is illustrated and described in a preferred embodiment, the invention may be produced in many different configurations, forms and elements. There is depicted in the drawings, and will herein be described in detail, a preferred embodiment of the invention, with the understanding that the present disclosure is to be considered as an exemplification of the principles of the invention and is not intended to limit the invention to the embodiment

B3 illustrated. Those skilled in the art will envision many other possible variations within the scope of the present invention.

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*Please amend paragraph 5 on page 6, beginning on line 15 as follows:*

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B4 Referring now to the drawings, figure 1 illustrates a schematic overview of the invented system architecture 100 that provides as an output a suggested candidate to make contact with. The system is employed either manually, via user request 108, or automatically, via timer module 110. In the manual mode of operation, the user requests the system to select a possible candidate(s) from contact list 104. In the automatic mode of operation, a time reference (i.e., special dates such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc.), which is pre-stored in user preferences 102, initiates the selection cycle. A time reference includes such things as making contacts in a specified period (e.g., daily for business contacts, weekly for friends or monthly for family, etc.) or with a calendar function (e.g., two weeks from a previous meeting - i.e., follow-up). With a calendar function, frequency can change if an individual is involved in certain activities, e.g., notify the individual every day with a contact when she/he is on vacation or notify the individual of a contact that she/he hasn't seen in the longest/shortest period of time. Upon reaching the time reference, the system automatically selects a possible candidate(s). Search/Select module 114 determines the specific candidates, including the number of candidates, to be selected from contact list 104 based on user preferences pre-stored in 102. Selections are based on various algorithms, some possible choices include:

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*Please amend paragraph 1 on page 10, beginning on line 21 as follows:*

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B5 Referring to figure 2, the basic selection algorithm first determines if a selected candidate count is less than a maximum, i.e., a count of the number of candidates to be output for display.

BS If the count is not below a maximum and a candidate has been selected 204, then the image and other essential contact information, i.e., name are forwarded to the display. If the count is below the maximum, the selection process continues in a selection loop until all the candidates have been selected. The loop comprises: determining if more candidates are available 208 and searching the contact list based on a specified algorithm 210. If the candidate meets the user preferences 212, then the candidate is added to the selection list 214 and the count is incremented 216. If no candidate met the user preferences, the selection returns to the recognition of the count step 202.

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*Please amend paragraph 1 on page 11, beginning on line 9 as follows:*

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BL Figure 3 illustrates a screenshot as might be found on a typical PC display. The display 300 includes various objects as typically found in an electronic organizer. The objects include, but are not limited to: a calendar function 302, date and time information 314, events 304 (such as meetings, flights, etc.), "to do" lists 306, a journal 308, and reminders 310. According to the present invention, an image of a selected candidate is displayed 312. In addition to the image, in alternative embodiments such information such as name, specifics of last meeting (e.g. date, location, other attendees, etc.) are displayed. The user selects the image to display the contact information and proceeds to make contact, i.e., arrange a meeting, e-mail, telephone, etc. In a Web (WWW) embodiment, a URL is associated with the image/name. In one embodiment, clicking on the URL would bring up a Web page containing the contact information. In another embodiment, making a selection would activate a URL, which triggers actions including, for example, e-mail.

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